

30 March 2025  
Fourth Sunday of Lent

# St. Ambrose Catholic Church



## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Recitation Confessions will be heard on the first Sunday of each month, 7:15-7:45 a.m. or contact the parish office for an appointment.

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & MARRIAGE:**

Please contact the parish office in advance as preparation and arrangements for each sacrament are needed.

## **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):**

RCIA is the process of initiating adults into the Catholic Church. It is for those desiring full membership through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Contact the parish office for information.

## **CARE OF THE COMMUNITY:**

Please contact the parish office when pastoral care is needed or to request prayers.

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## *Mass Schedule*

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.  
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m.  
Thursday: 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

## *Mass Intentions*

### **Saturday, 29 March**

Deceased of the John Locklin, Jr.  
Family

### **Sunday, 30 March**

People of St. Ambrose, St. Ignatius &  
St. Clare

### **Wednesday, 2 April**

Micah Taylor  
Leo & Bernadette Mudd

### **Thursday, 3 April**

Malcolm L., John L., & Robert A.  
Brown

### **Saturday, 5 April**

Deceased of the Phillip Thomas  
Family

### **Sunday, 6 April**

People of St. Ambrose, St. Ignatius &  
St. Clare

*Mass Intentions for deceased loved ones can be scheduled throughout the year through the Parish office. There are many Mass days still available for this calendar year. A minimum of \$10 per Mass Intention is encouraged.*

## Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C; 30 March, 2025

Year C: [Joshua 5:9-12](#); [Psalm 34](#); [2 Corinthians 5:17-21](#); [Luke 15:18](#); [Luke 15:1-32](#)

Year A: [1 Samuel 16:1-13](#); [Psalm 23](#); [Ephesians 5:8-14](#); [John 8:12](#); [John 9:1-41](#)

*"I am the Light of the World, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life."*

**Collect or Opening Prayer:** O God Who through Your Word, reconcile the human race to Yourself in a wonderful way, grant that with prompt devotion and eager faith, the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come, through Christ our Lord .....

**Prayer Over the Offerings:** We place before You with joy these offerings which bring eternal remedy O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to You as is fitting for the salvation of the world, through Christ our Lord.....

**Prayer after Communion:** O God Who enlightens everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendor of Your Grace that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to Your majesty and love You in all sincerity, through Christ our Lord.....



### MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

The Traditional name for this Fourth Sunday of Lent is Laetare Sunday. The word means Rejoice, and many teachers taught that a good way to think about it was to rejoice that the six weeks of Lent were now half completed. It actually comes from the phrase which began the Latin Antiphon and Collect which was sung by choirs and priests, to open the Mass of the Sunday three weeks before Easter, "Laetare Jerusalem!" And the fact that Lent is half over is cause for rejoicing; but, as they say on television info-mercials, "Wait there's more!"

As we considered last week, our relationship with Christ which began in the sacramental waters of Baptism is a constant, on-going, new life.....the life of the redeemed. This means that we experience every aspect of our lives, the good the bad the ugly, in terms of Jesus. Our physical limitations may not (or may) be as dramatic as the man in today's gospel, but we have them, periodically and chronically. And, like the Samaritan woman at the well in last week's story, we have character flaws; we are guilty of wrong-doing individually and collectively.

Both of these two aspects of the limitation in human life, physical/emotional illness and moral/character weakness are part of sacramental redemption; and, they are the subject of the Sacraments of Anointing and Reconciliation. In four short verses, the Apostle James in his New Testament Letter ([James 5:13-17](#)), gives us the suggestion of these two sacraments. Of course, Jesus had earlier experienced anointing with oil and had spoken often about the forgiveness of sin. Lent is an especially good time to celebrate these sacraments because it is the season when we are spending so much time and energy focusing on Jesus in His human condition.

Our quarterly celebration of these two Sacraments of Weakness happens this week-end (Anointing) and next (Reconciliation) at Saints Ambrose and Ignatius. Both will be offered at Saint Clare next week-end, at the regularly scheduled Mass for the First Sunday of the month (5:00 pm).

## PARISH NEWS

### EASTER LILIES

We are once again inviting parishioners to join in creating a beautiful and joyful environment for celebrating the blessed Easter liturgy. A member of the Art and Environment Committee will be taking orders before and after the masses this weekend for lilies to be placed in the church in memory of loved ones or to honor a living person or family.

A list of all who contributed and the names of their loved one(s) or living person(s) commemorated will be published in our Easter Bulletin. The lilies will be tagged with the names of those remembered and honored. For anyone wishing to keep their lily, we will announce when they can be taken from the church. For anyone wishing to donate their lily, these will be planted in our new prayer garden beside the church.

We have two sizes available: Large (\$25) and Medium (\$12). Please make checks payable to Saint Ambrose Catholic Church. Thank you so much for being a part of our Easter Masses Celebration!

### BENEDICTION AND WAY OF THE CROSS

**Saint Ambrose:** Wednesdays during Lent at 5:30 PM

**Saint Ignatius:** Fridays during Lent at 5:30 PM

### FAMILY-CENTERED FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

St. Ambrose faith formation is a family-centered program that provides families with age-appropriate materials for your children to learn about their faith at home on your own schedule. There are no class times (with the exception of Confirmation) and families can choose to participate in service activities that are offered through the parish twice a month if they choose. If your child is in need of a Sacrament, Father Ben will work one-on-one with your family (except Confirmation) in addition to the materials you work on at home. To sign up to get faith formation materials for the 2024-25 school year, contact **Sarah Fellows** at [sarahcfellows@gmail.com](mailto:sarahcfellows@gmail.com) or 502-419-0681.

## BACCALAUREATE MASS

Attention graduating seniors! Anyone graduating from high school, college, etc who is interested in having a Baccalaureate Mass, please contact **Sarah Fellows** 502-419-0681

### *Prayer Requests*

Please keep our sick, recovering, and home-bound members in your prayers: **Dennis Arnold, Ann Higdon, and Walker Thomas.**

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### FEEDING AMERICA

The second Tuesday of the month is our parish night to help put together food bags for school children and area seniors. Volunteers must be 7 yrs. or older and wear closed-toe shoes. The next volunteer date is **Tuesday, 8 April 5:30-7.** Please RSVP to **Sarah Fellows.**

### WARM BLESSINGS

The second Friday of the month is our parish night to pack to-go dinners for those in need. Our next date is **Friday, 11 April.** Please RSVP to **Sarah Fellows.**

Sarah Fellows contact information: 502-419-0681 or [sarahcfellows@gmail.com](mailto:sarahcfellows@gmail.com)

## SERVICE AND OUTREACH

### MARCH PROJECT

Thank you very much to all who donated for the Derby hats for Active Day Adult Daycare!

## PARISH COUNCIL



**Sarah Fellows, Rick Thomas, Rita French, Paul Stuecker, Marianne Sheroan, Charlie Wise and Jason Crutcher**

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for **9 April at 6:15 PM.** All are welcome to attend.

## STEWARDSHIP

*“He said to his father in reply: ‘Look, all these years I served you.....yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.’” Luke 15:29-30*

### St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

Budget FY 2024-2025 \$119,924.00

Weekly Goal \$2,306.00

Previous Total	\$127,863.49
In-Pew Collection (3/23)	\$2,268.00
Online (3/18 – 3/24)	\$130.00
<b>FYTD Total:</b>	<b>\$130,261.49</b>

The father practiced God’s version of generosity – unearned and unconditional. A steward sees a need and responds without asking questions concerning whether it is deserved or not..

### RECENT AND CURRENT PARISH OFFERINGS

#### 2025 Catholic Relief Services

In the name of the parish, a donation was made to the Catholic Relief Services in the amount of \$534.60, which represents 15% of an average weekend offering. This collection aids victims of persecution and natural disasters, provides legal services to poor immigrants, and advocates for the powerless. Six Catholic agencies reveal Christ’s love to the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and those who are poor and marginalized.



**March Birthdays:** Jerome Skees – 03/04; Ron Bryan – 03/07; Myrna Priest – 03/08; Bob Sennott – 03/10; Karen Graycarek – 03/17; Nicki Flores – 03/18; Gary Lewis & Deannie Thompson – 03/20; Eric Kennedy & Jimmy Stuecker – 03/25; Adilyn Miles – 03/26; Kate Graycarek – 03/30

**March Anniversaries:** Rick & Karen Graycarek – 03/16

**April Birthdays:** Rachel Hart – 04/01; Jim Decker – 04-04(1938); Maggie Stuecker – 04/09; Calvin Skees – 04/28; Bobby Jones – 04/29; Lucy Arnold – 04/30

**April Anniversaries:** Bobby & Kay Jones – 04/19: In Memory of Steven Jones – 04/21

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### SAVE THE DATE

The 74<sup>th</sup> Living Rosary will be held on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church. The Living Rosary is an archdiocesan celebration of the Rosary with the youth as primary leaders of the Rosary. Archbishop Shelton will preside. All youth in Grades 1-12 are invited to specially participate wearing their school uniforms, First Communion outfits, scouting uniforms, or Sunday best. All priests, deacons, and adults are encouraged to come to pray with and encourage our youth. Please visit [Archdiocesan Marian Committee – Increasing devotion to Jesus through Mary throughout the Archdiocese of Louisville](#) for more information. The Living Rosary is a project of the Archdiocesan Marian Committee.

## LOCAL LENTEN FISH FRIES

### ST. BRIGID (KC) & RINEYVILLE COMMUNITY PARK (RCP) FISH FRY

**Dates:** 4/4 (RCP), 4/11 (KC), 5:00-7:00PM

#### **Menu:**

Battered Fried Fish Portion \$12.00  
Jumbo Fried Shrimp (6 piece) \$15.00  
Fried Fish & 3 Shrimp \$18.00  
Extra portion of fish with full meal \$3.00  
Grilled cheese sandwich kids’ meal \$6.00

**Meals include:** french fries, coleslaw, hush puppies, green beans, roll, dessert, drink